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SUBJECT: AHIDJO REELECTED AS CAMEROON'S PRESIDENT

REF: YAOUNDE 969

1. PRESIDENT AHIDJO WAS REELECTED APRIL 5 TO ANOTHER FIVE-YEAR TERM AS CAMEROON'S HEAD OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. PROVISIONAL, ALMOST-COMPLETE RESULTS INDICATE VOTE OF ABOUT 3.5 MILLION WITH WELL OVER 99 PERCENT OF REGISTERED VOTERS ACTUALLY VOTING AND PRESIDENT RECEIVING 99.98 TO 100 PERCENT OF VOTES CAST IN EACH OF COUNTRY'S SEVEN PROVINCES.
 2. NO RPT NO KNOWN DISRUPTIVE INCIDENTS OCCURRED EITHER DURING CAMPAIGN PERIOD OR ON ELECTION DAY ITSELF. EXCEPT FOR INEVITABLE MINOR ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS AT POLLING PLACES, BALLOTING PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY.
 3. WITH AHIDJO AS ONLY CANDIDATE, WITH PARTY/GOVERNMENT APPARATUS GEARED UP TO GET OUT THE VOTE, AND WITH THEORETICALLY SECRET BALLOTING PROCEDURES NOT RPT NOT ALWAYS VERY SECRET, ACTUAL PERCENTAGES ACHIEVED ARE OF COURSE NOT RPT NOT PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT. WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS THE "CAMPAIGN"
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WHICH HAD ALL PARTY AND GOVERNMENT NATIONAL-LEVEL FIGURES

FRANTICALLY BUSY IN THEIR REGIONS OF ORIGIN SUPERVISING ACTIVITIES AND SPEARHEADING CAMPAIGN RALLIES ORGANIZED BY LOCAL LEADERS. GREAT STRESS WAS LAID ON CENTRAL THEME OF NATIONAL UNITY AND AHIDJO'S INDISPENSABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THIS INDISPENSABLE PRECONDITION FOR WELL-BEING OF COUNTRY AND ITS CITIZENS. CAMPAIGN AND ELECTION PROCESS ITSELF CONSTITUTED EFFECTIVE EXERCISE IN SENSITIZING AND MOBILIZING MASSES AS PART OF UNCEASING EFFORT TO ACHIEVE AND CONSOLIDATE NATIONAL UNITY. VOTING PORTRAYED AS WAY TO PROVE MILITANCY AND CIVISM, AND TO SHOW GRATITUDE TO AHIDJO WHO GIVEN ALL CREDIT FOR ALL THINGS. AHIDJO HIMSELF SPENT MOST OF TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN PERIOD IN GAROUA OUT OF PUBLIC EYE AND PLAYED NO RPT NOPUBLIC ROLE BEYOND BRIEF RADIO SPEECH TO OPEN CAMPAIGN (REFTEL).
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